

DONIE MARIE ATKINS



MAY 23, 1944 - MARCH 5, 2021



SERVICE/INTERMENT

Services/Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

Hilltop Drive, Richmond,
California

March 24, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.



OBITUARY

Donie Marie Atkins was born May 23, 1944 to the late Roy and Ollie Atkins of Dubach, Louisiana. She was the second of seven siblings. Affectionately known to her family as "Ms. Sue", Donie accepted Christ at an early age with Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dubach, Louisiana. In 1960 the family relocated to Richmond, California where they united with Providence Baptist Church under Rev. E. Brock. In later adulthood Donie joined the Rock of Ages MBC under the leadership of Rev. Otha Johnson and later the Rev. Dr. Carl Cotright where she served faithfully on the Usher Board and Mother Board until her passing. Donie always sought to excel in all of her endeavors. She believed that education was the key to both personal and profession success. She completed her high school education at Harry Ells HS (Class of '61) and even though she had a successful career, she went back to school and obtained degrees from Marin, Contra Costa and Vista Colleges. After retiring as a Senior Claims Writer from The Hartford, she successfully started and ran her own insurance company

(Insurance by Donie) until 2010. Donie was a lover of life and a lover of people. She "chose" to take public transportation instead of driving because it gave her the opportunity to meet and talk with all kinds of people. She told us that she had lived her life with no regrets. She'd done everything she wanted, when she wanted and how she wanted. She traveled to many places and met and befriended many people. Ms. Sue was a generous and loving spirit whose greatest joy was her family. Once you heard her voice you never forgot. She laughed loud and loved hard, but she didn't take no mess!

Donie is preceded in death by her parents: Roy & Ollie Atkins, two brothers: Wilbert & Bruce Atkins and two sisters: Arma & Faye Atkins. She leaves to cherish her memory two brothers: Elroy & Melvin Atkins, her best friend & sister Elouise Fisher, five nephews, five nieces and a host of extended relatives, family and friends.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING PRAYER

Minister

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament/New Testament

Minister

RESOLUTION

Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church

SOLO

Marjorie Deniece Smith

EXPRESSIONS

Family & Friends (2 minutes)

OBITUARY

To Be Read Silently

EULOGY

Rev. Dr. Carl Cotright, Pastor

Rock of Ages MBC



MY LEGACY

At the grand "ole" age of eighty, it is time for me, "Ms. Sue", to pass my gavel to our next leader.

To you, my family, I leave a legacy of love, honor, humility and the ability to negotiate family differences.

You must love and believe in God first and family, love, honor, humility and the ability to negotiate will follow. To survive the daily stresses that life has to offer and contend within "this" family, your faith in God must be strong and steadfast.

Our history of love and family honor extends back to Ms. Sara who first graced this land after being taken from Africa. This love for family must always be kept alive or we will cease to exist. You must always teach the children our oral history with emphasis on pride, honor, humility and the importance of education.

I do not want to be remembered for my personal or professional achievements, that's not important. Rather remember me as wise enough to speak with kings, yet humble enough to walk with the homeless; strong enough to guide this family, yet never too busy to give counsel or a helping hand when needed. Bold and brash enough to speak my mind, would rule the weak and put the strong to task; an organizer, cook, financier, a descendant of royalty; proud, yet humble and no one was a stranger.

Last, think of me as a female Daniel Boone because I always had itchy feet and wanted to see what was in the next city, state or country.

-Donie "Ms. Sue" Atkins
- written January 26, 1994



"For I am convinced that neither death,
nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things
present, or things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else
in all creation, will be able to separate
us from the love of GOD..."
(Romans 8:38-39)



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Melvin Atkins	Daryl Jackson
Kevin Atkins.	Jupiter Collins
Ray Roundtree Jr.	Demarco Cisneros
Royce Page-Smith	Gary Jones

HONORAY PALLBEARERS

Elroy Atkins Sr.	Marcus Cisneros
Ronnie Blair	Leonard Jones
Robert Fisher.	Domino Alexander
Ray Roundtree Sr.	Paul Austin
Russell Williams	Jerry Williams



SPECIAL THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It is because you cared: Perhaps you
sent a lovely card, gave us a phone
call to give words of comfort and
prayer or just sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you were not there at all but
thought of us that day. Perhaps you
sent a floral piece, if so we saw it
there. For your expressions -
whichever they were... We are
grateful indeed; for it is friends and
loved ones who share and care that
make times like these easier to bare.